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SUBJECT: WESTERN EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTY MEETING IN BRUSSELS

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1. THE ITALIAN HRESS REPORTED A CONFERENCE OF THE TYPE MENTIONED IN EFTEL SEVERAL WEEKS AGO INDICATING THAT IT WOULD CONCENTRATE ON ECONOMIC MATTERS. SUBSEQUENTLY, SERGIO SEGRE, CHIEF OF THE ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY'S FOREIGN SECTION, CONFIRMED THET SUCH A CONFERENCE WOULD OCCUR ATTHE END OF MAY OR IN THEEARLY PART OF JUNE, AND HE OBSERVED THATIT IS A FOLLOW-ON TO SIMILAR MEETINGS

ON TECHNICAL QUESTIONS HELD PREVIOUSLY, I.E. ONE ONE AGRICULTURAL/PROBLEMS HOSTED BY THE PC IN ITALY LAST YEAR. ATTENDANCE, ACCORDING TO SEGRE, WILL BE AT THAT LEVEL OF PARTY TECHNICIANS CHARGED WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR CONOMIC QUESTIONS. HE INDICATED THAT THE LIKELY HEAD OF THE ITALIAN DELGATION WOULD BE GIORGIO NAPOLITANO, A MEMBER OF THE PARTY'S SECRETARIAT AND CHIEF OF THE PARTY SECTION FOR LABOR PROBLEMS.

2. SEORE STATED THAT THE CONFERENCE HAD LONG BEEN ON THE DRAWING BOARDS, AND INVOLVED A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF PREPARATION ON THE PART OF PARTY EXPERTS. ACCORDING TO HIM, THE MAJOR REASONS FOR THE ORGANIZATIONAL DIFFICULTIES WERE THE WIDELY DIVERGENT POINTS OF VIEW OF SOME OF THE PARTIES, I.E. THE FRENCH AND THE ITALIAN, ON MEASURES NEEDED TO CONFRONT THE ECONOMIC PROBLEMS FACING EUROPE AND ON ATTITUDES REGARDING THE EEC.

3. COMMENT. AS DESCRIBED TO US, WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE FORTHCOMING ECONOMIC MEETING IS MEANT TO SERVE AS A SERIOUS CHALLENGE TO THE PRESTIGE OF THE SOVIET PARTY NOR DOES ITS TIMING HAVE ANY SIGNIFICANCE IN RETENTION TO THE SCHEDULED VISIT OF BREZHNEV TO FRANCE. OUR IMPRESSION IS THAT THE DATE OF THE MEETING WAS SET A SUBSTANTIAL TIME BEFORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE TIMING OF THE BREZHNEV VISIT TO PARIS CAME TO THE ATTENTION OF WESTERN COMMUNIST PARTIES. GARDNER

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